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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIRAI SHUJI : EXAMINER: CHEN, S. S.  
SERIAL NO: 10/716,536 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 20, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2852  
FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :  
AND ASSOCIATED METHOD OF  
DETECTING DEVELOPER  
DETERIORATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.